

# House File 554 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 432)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of lighted headlamps by certain  
2 motor vehicles, and making a penalty applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.384, Code 2017, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a  
4 motor vehicle operating upon a highway within the state that  
5 is equipped with automatic headlamps or headlamps lighted  
6 by default shall at all times display lighted headlamps as  
7 provided in section 321.415.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 Under current law, motor vehicles operating on a highway are  
12 required to display lighted headlamps at any time from sunset  
13 to sunrise, and at such other times when conditions such as  
14 fog, snow, sleet, or rain provide insufficient lighting to  
15 render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway  
16 at a distance of 500 feet ahead.

17 This bill requires motor vehicles operating on a highway  
18 that are equipped with automatic headlamps or headlamps lighted  
19 by default to display lighted headlamps at all times. By  
20 operation of law, a violation of this provision is punishable  
21 by a scheduled fine of \$30.